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S E C R E T BAGHDAD 1855

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SUBJECT: ARMS PURCHASED BY IRAQI UN MISSION

1. USINT SOURCE WHO HAS CLOSE LINKS WITH IRAQI INTELLIGENCE
TOLD PRINCIPAL OFFICER ON DECEMBER 15 THAT GOI HAD LOCATED THE
30 MACHINE GUNS THAT HAD BEEN SHIPPED OUT OF NEW YORK BY
TAYYAR. HE SAID THAT SOME OF THEM WERE NOW BEING USED BY THE
SECURITY GUARDS CURRENTLY TRAVELING WITH SADDAM HUSSEIN IN
ALGERIA.

2. SOURCE MAINTAINED THAT PURCHASES WERE MADE FOR USE OF THE
SPECIAL SECURITY UNITS OF THE "MUKHABARAT" THAT PROTECT
HUSSEIN, BAKR, AND THEIR RELATIVES. HE DENIED THAT GOI INTENDED
TO TRANSFER WEAPONS TO ANY OTHER GROUP. HE SAID THAT TAYYAR IS
NOT A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER OF THE ELITE IRAQI "MUKHABART", BUT
IS AN AGENT ("WAKIL") OF THE MUKHABARAT AND HAS ACCESS TO
MUKHABARAT FUNDS.

3. SOURCE BELIEVED THAT THE 30 MACHINE GUNS WOULD NOW BE
RETURNED TO NEW YORK AND TAYYAR WOULD BE RECALLED FROM THEIR
IRAQI UN MISSION. SOURCE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE IRAQI UN MISSION
MAY TRY TO KEEP SOME OF THE WEAPONS AS A FACE-SAVING GESTURE.
MISSION MAY ARGUE THAT THEY NEED TO RETAIN A FEW WEAPONS FOR
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THEIR PERSONAL SECURITY IN VIEW OF JDL TERRORISM IN NEW YORK.

4. SOURCE SAYS THAT MUKHABARAT AUTHORITIES IN BAGHDAD ARE
CHAGRINED WITH TAYYAR'S INEPTNESS AND DO NOT KNOW WHY HE DID
NOT ARRANGE TO TAKE DELIVERY OF THE WEAPONS AT SOME SAFE
PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE
WEAPONS ARE MUCH BETTER THAN THOSE NOW USED BY THE MUKHABARAT
SECURITY GUARD UNITS.
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